

31 January 2018
Our ref: FOI/25/01/18

Re: Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, which we received on 25 January 2018.

You requested the following information:

- 1) Does your organization have a Facebook Page? If yes, what is the URL and when was it set up?
- 2) Does your organization advertise or spend any money on Facebook? If yes, please can you outline what expenditure has occurred and break down expenditure per calendar year since 2004?
- 3) Does your organization have a Twitter account? If yes, what is the URL and when was it set up?
- 4) Does your organisation advertise or spend any money on Twitter? If yes, please can you outline what expenditure has occurred and break down expenditure per calendar year since 2006?
- 5) Does your organization use Google G-Suite services or does your organization rely on google for any services (such as email hosting)? If yes, what are the services, when were they agreed and how much did they cost?
- 6) Does your organization advertise or spend any money on Google? If yes, please can you outline what expenditure has occurred and break down expenditure per calendar year since the payments first began?

Some of the information you have requested is publicly available – our Twitter account is a tool we use for communicating our key outputs. For the remaining parts of your request, we can confirm that we hold the relevant information.

- 1) The OBR does not have a Facebook page.
- 2) We have not advertised or spent any money on services provided by Facebook.
- 3) The OBR does have a twitter account. The URL is twitter.com/obr_uk and it was established in October 2011.
- 4) We have not advertised or spent any money on services provided by Twitter.
- 5) The OBR does not use Google G-suite or rely on Google for any services other than the free tools provided on their website (e.g. search, analytics and news alerts).
- 6) We have not advertised or spent any money on any paid-for services provided by Google.

If you have any other queries about this letter, please send them to our enquiries inbox at obr.enquiries@obr.uk.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Unit
Office for Budget Responsibility

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It would assist our review if you set out which aspects of the reply concern you and why you are dissatisfied.

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